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DEEP SPACE. THE 21st CENTURY.
BRAINIAC 5 PERSONAL LOG ENTRY #20100812: IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW...
...RELATIVELY SPEAKING.
BY NOW, THE LEGIONNAIRES HAVE MADE IT TO THEIR FIRST DESTINATION...
...A DESOLATE PLANET LIGHT-YEARS AWAY FROM NEW KRYPTON.
SOMETHING WRONG, CHAM?
JUST... TAKING MY TIME WITH THIS ONE, TENZ. R.J. BRANDE'S WILL WARNED ME. OF ALL THE CITIES ON BRAINIAC'S SHIP...
KDEET KDEET
...THIS ONE WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT TO ME.
AWARSH

NEW DURLA.
I HAVE A JOB TO DO.
IT'S A "BIG LEGION AND I'S-
CHAM.
YOU READ BRANDE'S WILL. WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO ANYONE.
...I KNOW, JECKIE. I JUST... I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING...
NO. WE FOLLOW WHAT HE TOLD US TO THE LETTER.
LET'S GO. THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS TO COLONIZE BEFORE TIME UNLOCKS AND WE CAN GO BACK HOME.
I CAN'T IMAGINE IT WAS EASY FOR REEP DAGGLE, SEEING ALL OF THEM.
HIS RACE--DURLANS--ARE NOMADIC BY NATURE. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF TRIBES HIDDEN IN POCKETS ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.
CENTURIES AGO, BRAINIAC CAPTURED A LOST TRIBE OF DURLANS CALLED THE KEL'PAR. HE HELD THEM PRISONER FOR DECADES UNTIL WE FREED THEM.
...HOME...
...LEE-JUN...
ONE OF THOSE DURLANS WAS QUELTOP DAGGLE.
CHAMELEON BOY'S ANCESTOR.
THAT'S WHY R.J. BRANDE SENT THE LEGIONAIRES BACK HERE, TO THIS TIME PERIOD.
IF WE DIDN'T SAVE THE LIFE OF QUELTOP, IN NINE HUNDRED YEARS' TIME, THERE WOULD'VE BEEN NO REN DAGGLE.
REN DAGGLE...WHO EVENTUALLY BECAME R.J. BRANDE, THE MAN WHO FATHERED BOTH REEP AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES.
THAT'S WHY THE LEGION'S MISSION WAS SO IMPORTANT. IT WAS A MISSION WE'D ALWAYS UNDERTAKEN. A TIME LOOP...

ONE THAT WOULD'VE BEEN UNRAVELED HAD WE FAILED.
TIME TRAVEL CAN REALLY GET QUITE COMPLICATED.
BUT NOW THAT SUPERMAN IS SAFE AND THE LEGIONNAIRES HAVE STARTED OPENING UP THE OTHER BOTTLE CITIES ACROSS THE UNIVERSE...
...ALLOWING WORLDS LIKE RIMBOR, IMSK, TITAN AND NEW DURLA TO HAVE A CHANCE TO LIVE...
...I KNOW THE FUTURE WILL BE WAITING FOR ME ONCE I'M READY TO RETURN.
JUST ONE MORE ERRAND TO RUN...

SUPERMAN: LAST STAND OF NEW KRYPTON

THE EPILOGUE IS THE FUTURE

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5 AND ONE MORE QUESTION TO ASK.
TK
...I KNOW YOU'RE AWAKE.
LET'S TALK.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT, *BRAINIAC 5*?
SO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
I HEARD WHAT THE KRYPTONIAN GIRL CALLED YOU AS YOU TORE THROUGH MY SHIP.*
YOU ARE MY DESCENDANT FROM ONE THOUSAND YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
I'M SO CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT KNOWLEDGE IS INSIDE YOUR HEAD--
*SEE SUPERGIRL #52! --BRAINIMATT.
THEN IT'S A SHAME FOR YOU THE MINDLOCK I INSTALLED IN THIS CHAMBER KEEPS YOU FROM EVEN THINKING AT ME TOO HARD.
I'VE STUDIED YOU. WITHOUT YOUR SHIP, YOU'RE WEAK. HELPLESS.
YOU'RE GOING BACK TO COLU, WHERE THEY'LL PUT YOU IN A THOUGHT-CELL SO BLACK, YOU'LL NEVER THINK AGAIN.
BUT BEFORE WE GET THERE, YOU'RE GOING TO SATISFY MY CURIOSITY--
YOU ASSUME WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO GET TO COLU.

U-DEET
MINDLOCK DISABLED
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TOOK MY BOTTLES AND DESTROYED MY SHIP.
FOR THAT, I SHOULD KILL YOU.
INSTEAD, I WILL REACH INTO YOUR MIND AND PLUCK OUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUTURE.
RENDEZVOUS POINT REACHED
YOU WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO ME, "BRAINIAC 5." MY MOST USEFUL ACQUISITION YET.
...HNN... Y'KNOW...FOR SOMEONE CALLED "BRAINIAC"...
...I FIGURED YOU'D BE MORE INTELLIGENT...

I'VE SPENT MY LIFE TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR THE DAMAGE YOU DID TO THE UNIVERSE.
TRYING TO MAKE "BRAINIAC" A NAME TO BE PROUD OF!
TELEPORTATION DETECTED. SUBJECT EN ROUTE
NO INTELLIGENT DESCENDANT WOULD BE SO STUPID AS TO CHALLENGE MY PHYSICAL ABILITIES. YOU ARE AN INFERIOR PRODUCT OF THE LINE.
SKRZZT
AARGH!
IF--AND ONLY IF--YOU WILLINGLY GIVE IN AND TELL ME THE SECRETS OF THE TIME-STREAM...
...NNN...
...THEN I WILL ALLOW YOU TO LIVE.
...YOU WANT TO KNOW...THE SECRET TO EVERYTHING?
...IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING.
NOW!
AAAAHH!!
THERE IS NOTHING MORE SATISFYING...

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BRAINIAC 2 - VRIL DOX
LEADER OF R.E.B.E.L.S.
HOMEWORLD: COLU.
ABILITIES: 10TH LEVEL SUPER-INTELLIGENCE
...THAN HEARING THE SCREAM OF SOMEONE BEING OUTSMARTED BY THE CAVALRY.
NNN...GLAD TO SEE YOU GOT MY MESSAGE, VRIL...
I'M A BIT LATE. IT TOOK TIME TO VERIFY YOUR CLAIMS.
IF I TRUSTED EVERYONE WHO CLAIMED TO BE MY DESCENDANT FROM THE FUTURE, I'D BARELY HAVE ANY TIME TO MYSELF.
WANT TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU'RE NOT COLLECTING THE COLUAN BOUNTY ON "DADDY" HERE YOURSELF, BRAINIAC 5?
CURRENT COLUAN CREDITS WILL MEAN NOTHING BY MY TIME. THINK OF IT AS MY GIFT TO THE PAST.
FAIR ENOUGH. YOU GET EVERYTHING YOU NEEDED FROM DADDY DOX-EST, THEN?
NO. ...BUT I GOT ENOUGH.
THEN OUR BUSINESS TOGETHER IS AT AN END.
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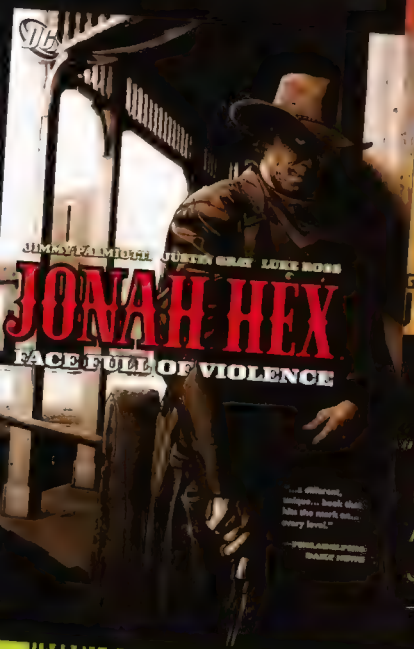

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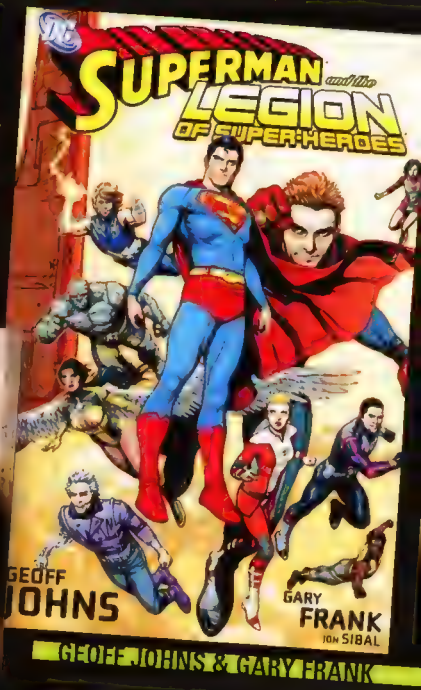

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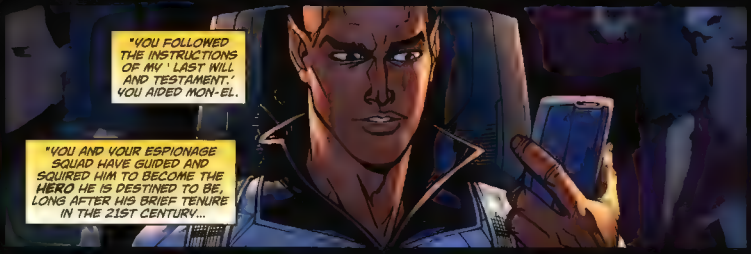
COMPUTER, BRING TIME SPHERE 426 ONLINE.
TIME SPHERE COMING ONLINE.
AND, NO, IT WASN'T ENOUGH.
CAN NEVER KNOW WHY THEY MADE
AS BRAINIAC'S HANDS SLIPPED AROUND MY
...NONE OF MY QUESTIONS
COORDINATES SET. ALL SYSTEMS GREEN.
ENGAGE.
BRAINIAC TERRORIZED THE PAST. WE STOPPED HIM
THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE LEGION AND THE
FWWAAASSSHHHH
ALL WE CAN DO
HEY, BRAINIAC--
WE CAN'T CONTROL THE MISTAKES OUR FAMILY MADE IN THE PAST.
VRRRRRRR

METROPOLIS. THE 31ST CENTURY.
AND TRY TO ENSURE OUR FUTURES ARE THE BEST WE
--WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN?
IT'S A LONG STORY, LIGHTNING LASS.
HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?
THE END

"MY NAME IS R.J. BRANDE. AND THIS IS THE LAST OF MY INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU, MY SON.
"REEP, I HAVE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES HOW PROUD YOU MAKE ME.
"BUT NEVER HAVE I BEEN SO PROUD AS I AM NOW...
"...BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE.


"YOU FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY 'LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.' YOU AIDED MON-EL.
"YOU AND YOUR ESPIONAGE SQUAD HAVE GUIDED AND SQUIRED HIM TO BECOME THE HERO HE IS DESTINED TO BE, LONG AFTER HIS BRIEF TENURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY...

"...AND THE MAN OF VALOR HE NEEDS TO BE NOW FOR HIS LAST GREAT TASK IN THIS ERA OF TIME. IT'S HIS DESTINY, HIS ALONE, TO RESEED THE REMAINING BOTTLED WORLDS.
"YOUR ESPIONAGE SQUAD'S WORK IS DONE. THEY CAN RETURN TO THEIR LIVES IN THE FUTURE. ALL BUT YOU, REEP.
"YOU, TOO, HAVE ONE LAST TASK

"BUT FOR THAT, WAIT FOR MON-EL TO FIRST DO WHAT HE MUST...
"...THE REBUILDING OF WORLDS...

"...SO THAT THE LEGION LIVES LONG.
"YOU KNOW BY NOW THAT ONE OF BRAINIAC'S 'TROPHIES' IS NEW DURLA. THE ONE WORLD YOU AND YOUR TEAM RESEEDED BEFORE SENDING MON-EL ON HIS WAY.
"I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THAT, REEP. THE KNOWLEDGE OF HOW YOU'VE HELPED YOUR PEOPLE AND ME, YOUR FATHER.
"AND AS YOU ALSO KNOW, THE BOTTLED CITIES THAT BRAINIAC HELD CONTAINED AMONG THEM A NUMBER OF OTHER RACES WHO IN THE 31ST CENTURY WILL PROVIDE LEGION MEMBERS.
"RACES THAT-- IF THEIR CITIES ARE NOT RE-ENLARGED AND PLACED IN THEIR PREDETERMINED...PREDESTINED LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE-- WILL THROW THE FUTURE OFF TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT IT WILL UNDO TIME.
"TIME TRAVEL BETWEEN THE 21ST CENTURY AND THE 31ST WILL BE LOCKED OFF.
"AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES WILL NOT EXIST.
"AMONG THE COUNTLESS WORLDS MON-EL MUST RESEED WITH BOTTLED CITIES, THERE INCLUDES...
"RIMBOR
"CARGG
"XANTHU
"BISMOLL
"IMSK
"OH
"PHLON
"...AND ZOON.
"AND ONE OTHER... ARGUABLY THE WORLD MOST IMPORTANT TO THE LEGION'S FUTURE... AT LEAST THE BIRTH OF IT... WHEN THREE YOUNG HEROES WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER BY CHANCE TO SAVE MY LIFE...

GHAA
NNNHH
"...A WORLD THAT MAY WELL BE THE HARDEST PART OF MON-EL'S FINAL TASK."
MMMM
DH

RRRR

NOW BE STILL, OR I WILL HURT YOU MORE, BOY.
OKAY, THEN I'LL HURT YOU BACK AND WE'LL BE AT THIS ALL DAY. WELL, ALL YEAR.
CRAZY IDEA: WHY DON'T WE JUST TALK, AND SEE HOW THAT GOES?
I DON'T LIKE KRYPTONIANS. IT MAKES ME WARY OF SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO HAS THEIR POWERS.
AND ALTHOUGH SATURNIANS HAVE TELEPATHIC ABILITIES, I'M WARY OF THE RACE YOU'VE BROUGHT WITH YOU, WHOSE ABILITY IN THAT REGARD IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN THAT OF MY OWN PEOPLE.
YOU ARRIVE UNINVITED, KRYPT--
I'M FROM A PLANET CALLED DAXAM.
--ONIAN POWERED, AND HOLDING A BOTTLE OF TELEPATHS.
SO YOU OVERREACTED.
I REACTED
WELL, I'M SORRY IF I HELPED TO CAUSE THIS IN ANY WAY.

ER... THIS IS THE PART WHERE YOU APOLOGIZE BACK.
KINGS DON'T APOLOGIZE.
BUT I WILL LISTEN.
'K. LONG STORY SHORT. I'M FINDING HOMES FOR CITIES THAT WERE BOTTLED BY BRAINIAC.
PART OF BRAINIAC'S THING IS HE DESTROYED THE PLANETS AND/OR SUNS OF THE CITIES HE BOTTLED, SO IT ISN'T AS EASY AS PUTTING THEM BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM.
SATURN'S MOONS... THIS ONE SPECIFICALLY, HAS ATMOSPHERE. WITH A SMALL DEGREE OF TERRAFORMING, IT WOULD MAKE A SUITABLE HOME FOR THE RACE I BROUGHT HERE.
THIS BOTTLE OF TELEPATHS?
THE LANOTHIANS, SURE.
AT LEAST ACCORDING TO WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD BY SOME HEROES FROM THE FUTURE--
FUTURE HEROES?
THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES. THEY SAY THE LANOTHIANS ARE DESTINED TO LIVE HERE.
ON TITAN.
FUTURE? FROM THE FUTURE? THIS COULD ALL BE A TRICK, OR SOME--
LET ME ASK YOU THIS: WHAT IF I REFUSE? WHAT IF I CHOOSE TO CHANGE THAT "FUTURE"?
I... ER... WELL... HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW.
JEMM, KING JEMM, SON OF SATURN...

...MAY WE, THE PEOPLE OF LANOTHIA, SPEAK?
YOU'RE IN MY HEAD, TELEPATHS. COULD I STOP YOU IF I WANTED TO?
WE NEED A HOME. THAT IS A FACT. AND ACCORDING TO MON-EL AND HIS LEGIONNAIRES, THE MOON TITAN IS DESTINED TO BE THAT PLACE.
THIS, WE ADMIT, IS SPECULATION TO YOU, PERHAPS, BUT IT IS SOMETHING WE ALSO CHOOSE TO ACCEPT AS A FACT.
SIMPLY PUT, WE NEED THIS, KING JEMM. THIS CHANCE. AND SO... IF YOU LET US STAY, WE SWEAR ON THE LIVES AND MEMORY OF OUR OWN LOST WORLD...
...TO BE YOUR TRUE AND LOYAL SUBJECTS.
IN FACT, WE WILL RENOUNCE OUR NAME, LANOTHIAN, IF WE'RE ALLOWED TO STAY, AND READILY AGREE TO BE PROUD TITANIANS UNDER THE RULE OF SATURN, AND JEMM, ITS SOVEREIGN.
JEMM, THIS UNIVERSE HAS MANY THREATS AND PERILS EVEN FOR A WORLD AS MIGHTY AS YOURS. AN ARMY WITH THEIR LEVEL OF TELEPATHY--
YES, I SEE THE GOOD OF IT. I SEE. STILL... I'M WARY.
WELCOME TO YOUR NEW WORLD...

"...PEOPLE OF TITAN."
THANKS, JEMM. THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING THEM.
I DIDN'T, MON-EL OF DAXAM.
I TRUSTED YOU.
COUGH!

MY NAME IS JIMMY OLSEN, CUB REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET.
AND I WISH I COULD SAY I WAS MON-EL'S BEST PAL. NO REASON WHY NOT, EITHER. IT JUST NEVER HAPPENED.
STILL, I WAS THE FIRST PERSON HE CAME TO WHEN HE RETURNED FROM WHATEVER GREAT THING HE DID IN SPACE (I STILL DON'T EXACTLY KNOW).
WHAT I DO KNOW... WHAT WAS OBVIOUS LOOKING AT HIM... BY THE TIME HE CAME BACK FROM THE STARS, HE WAS VERY SICK...

...THAT MON-EL, THE MAN OF VALOR, DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
AND HE'D NEED THAT TIME, I WAS TO LEARN...EVERY SECOND. FOR HIS FINAL TASK...THE ONE HE BEGAN WHEN HE ASKED NATASHA IRONS (THEN UNDERCOVER IN LANE'S HUMAN DEFENSE CORPS) TO GET HIM SOME SPECIFIC INFORMATION.
THAT INFORMATION WAS UNCOVERED FINALLY BY NAT, WHO PASSED IT ON TO ME ON TO MON...
...THE LOCATION OF A HIDDEN HDC BASE (UNDER THE ATLANTIC, IT TURNED OUT) WHERE GORILLA SCIENTIST CALOMAR KEPT HIS COLLECTION OF "SCIENTIFIC ODDITIES."
AMONG THEM...
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS...THE REASON LANE AND I KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT DAXAMITES ALREADY. WE...I...ALREADY HAVE ONE, CAPTURED YEARS AGO. A FEMALE. NO, NOT HERE, AT ANOTHER LOCATION.
SHE'S FUN. INTERESTING AND FUN TO TEST...TO PROBE.
HAVING FUN NOW?
FOR MORE ON DOC CALOMAR AND THE FEMALE DAXAMITE, SEE 2003'S HUMAN DEFENSE CORPS #2
--LONG-MEMORIED MATT.
CAN YOU SWIM?
...
TIME TO LEARN.

MY NAME IS SUPERBOY.
MON-EL? BOY, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE HIM IN THE STATE HE WAS IN WHEN HE TURNED UP AT THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE WITH THAT GIRL DAXAMITE IN HIS ARMS.
I KNEW BY THEN, OF COURSE. HE TOLD ME...
...WHY HE'D WANTED THE ROCKET THAT BROUGHT HIM TO EARTH TO BE MADE SPACE-WORTHY AGAIN.
TO GO BACK TO THE STARS, OBVIOUSLY.
BUT NOT WITH HIM IN IT.
THE ROCKET WAS FOR HER. IT ALWAYS HAD BEEN. MON-EL'S PLAN.
THE SICKNESS THAT'S KILLING ME WILL BE UPON YOU SOON, TOO. IF YOU DON'T GO.
NOW.
ARE...
.. ARE YOU LAR GAND?
YOU KNOW MY NAME? MY NAME FROM DAXAM?
KNOW YOU? "LAR GAND, THE WANDERER"? TO ME... TO THOSE LIKE ME, WHO SEEK THE STARS AS YOU DID... THE FIRST TO... YOU ARE A HERO AND A LEGEND
YOU SOUGHT THE STARS, TOO. AND THAT JOURNEY BROUGHT YOU TO EARTH AND CAPTURE.
I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU. I WANTED TO MEET MY INSPIRATION. BUT I CRASHED, AND--
NOW YOU'RE FREE. I GIVE YOU THE HEAVENS.
IGNITION PRIMED, MON.

BUT THERE IS SO MUCH I WANT TO ASK YOU...TO SAY TO YOU.
ALAS...
"...THERE IS NO TIME."
WE DONE NOW?
MON? DONE? WE HAVE TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR, OR--
NO. IT'S TOO LATE. DONE? YEAH.
ME
NO! NO, MON! WE CAN SAVE YOU. YOU CAN'T J--
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SUPERBOY...

...EVERYTHING'S FINE.
MY NAME IS REEP DAGGLE, CHAMELEON BOY.
AND THIS IS THE LAST TASK MY FATHER, R.J. BRANDE, SET ME TO.

MON...

...THERE'S A WAY I CAN SAVE YOU.
THE POTION? YOU BROUGHT MORE FROM THE FUTURE?
NO SECOND TIMES, MON. YOUR BODY'S BUILT UP AN IMMUNITY TO IT.
THEN HOW?

THE PHANTOM ZONE. IT'S BEEN RECREATED, BUT IT'S LOCKED OFF TO THE 21ST CENTURY.
THAT'S HOW IT NEEDS TO BE. HAS TO BE.
BUT I CAN OPEN IT UP AND SEND YOU BACK IN THERE, MON. YOU'LL LIVE.
BACK TO THAT? I'D RATHER DIE. I COULDN'T BEAR IT... AFTER THIS... LIFE... EARTH.
THE LONELINESS AND ISOLATION WAS BAD BEFORE, BUT NOW? NO. I CHOOSE DEATH.
MON. YOU HAVE TO.
THERE'S MORE YOU HAVE TO DO. ONE DAY.
NO. NO. I CAN'T.

MON. PLEASE. YOU'VE BEEN A HERO. YOU ARE A HERO. NOW I'M ASKING YOU... NO...I'M BEGGING YOU. PLEASE. BE AN EVEN BRAVER, GREATER HERO, STILL... BY GOING BACK INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE.
YOU'LL BE REWARDED. THERE WILL BE AN END TO THIS. A LONG TIME FROM NOW, BUT ONE DAY.
I PROMISE.
A LONG TIME, HUH? WILL I REMEMBER WHAT I DID HERE IN THE 21ST CENTURY?
MAYBE. HONESTLY, I'M NOT SURE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE IN THE ZONE.
LONELY, COLD, AND ENDLESS.

HERE. THE FORTRESS'S PHANTOM ZONE PORTAL.
SURE. IT'S WHERE I EMERGED IN THE FIRST PLACE. GOOD TIMES.
SERIOUSLY, YOU CAN OPEN IT?
THE PHANTOM ZONE MUST REMAIN SHUT OFF FROM THE 21ST CENTURY. BUT YES, I CAN OPEN IT ONCE. NOW, IF IT MEANS SAVING YOUR LIFE.

CONNER. HERE, GIVE THIS TO BILLI HARPER.
AND TELL HER...TELL HER...:SIGH: HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU TO SAY.
JUST GIVE HER THE LETTER.

I'LL MISS YOU, CONNER. I'VE HAD SO FEW FRIENDS IN MY LIFE, AND...AND--
OH, BUDDY. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GREAT IT'S BEEN.

CHAM? WILL ME AND MON MEET EACH OTHER AGAIN? ONE DAY?
YOU KNOW THE RULES, SUPERBOY. I CAN'T GIVE YOU THAT KIND OF INFO.
TIME WILL TELL.

K. REEP. I'M READY.

TODAY.
MY NAME WAS LAR GAND OF DAXAM
BUT NOW AND FOREVER MORE.
...MY NAME IS MON-EL.
I GIVE MYSELF BACK TO THE ZONE.
AND HERE I HAVE NOTHING.
NO, I'M WRONG. I DO
I HAVE HOPE
TOMORROW.
...HOPE THAT MY RETURN HERE WILL BE REWARDED. THAT ONE DAY I'LL LEAVE THIS HELL BEHIND ME.
AND THAT ONE DAY AND FOREVER MORE..
...I WILL NEVER BE LONELY AGAIN.
MON?

BOY, IS IT GOOD TO SEE YOU!
I'VE TOLD EVERYONE ABOUT YOU!
YES, WE'RE SO HAPPY TO FINALLY MEET YOU.
BUDDY, YOU'VE HAD ONE HECK OF A LIFE SO FAR...
...NOW WELCOME TO THE REST OF IT!
MAN OF VALOR
FINALE
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And so it begins again. Last week DC unleashed BRIGHTEST DAY #1 upon the world, and today, DC's next biweekly book begins with JUSTICE LEAGUE: GENERATION LOST #1.

Following the events of BLACKEST NIGHT and BRIGHTEST DAY, it's clear to you, oh faithful readers, that Maxwell Lord has returned from beyond the grave. Yes, the man whose neck was snapped by Wonder Woman is back, and he's more powerful than ever before.

Now, far be it from me to reveal Max's ultimate goal—I'm certainly not going to give away our gigantic ending—but what I can tell you is this: Max Lord has returned and has used all of his power to make the entire world forget that he ever existed. Almost. Four poor, lost souls DO remember, and they are all ex-members of the Justice League International: Booster Gold, Captain Atom, Fire, and Ice.

For those of you who don't remember the classic JLI—which came to you courtesy of [redacted], and [redacted]—they were the laughingstock of the super hero community. The underdogs. The NY Mets to the NY Yankees (and I say this as a Mets fan…and I like Ike!). So why do these heroes remember Max? Well, that's all part of the mystery.

Max's plans have been in the works since November of last year, when [redacted], and I sat down to discuss this book and its impact upon the entire DCU. From an initial story by Judd and Keith came a tale of revenge and redemption centered around one of the most evil and diabolical villains that the DCU has to offer.

On the artistic side of things, we have the amazing lineup of [redacted], and [redacted], who will be alternating the art chores from issue to issue. Plus, not only is Max returning to the DCU but so is cover artist [redacted], fresh from his extraordinary run on EX MACHINA. But wait, there's more! We've also recruited the great Kevin Maguire for all of our variant covers.

So we're stocking the deck, talent-wise. But what about the book, you ask? Well, in the first issue alone you'll see cameos by Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the JLA, and the JSA. And throughout the series our little team-that-could will face off against some of the most vile, weird, and threatening characters of the DCU. Fire and Ice vs. the Metal Men? Check. Captain Atom vs. the Creature Commandos? Definitely! The JLI vs. the JLI? Why not! Plus, we'll be revisiting some well-known JLI mainstays and introducing a few new ones.

But all of that is secondary to the overall mystery: Why is Max back, what is his ultimate goal, and what is the true meaning of GENERATION LOST?

The answers start today. So what are you waiting for? Get to your local comics shop now and get Lost!

Happy reading, Nation –

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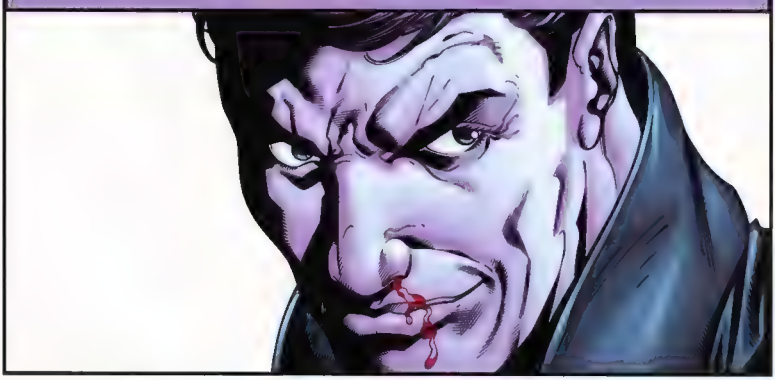

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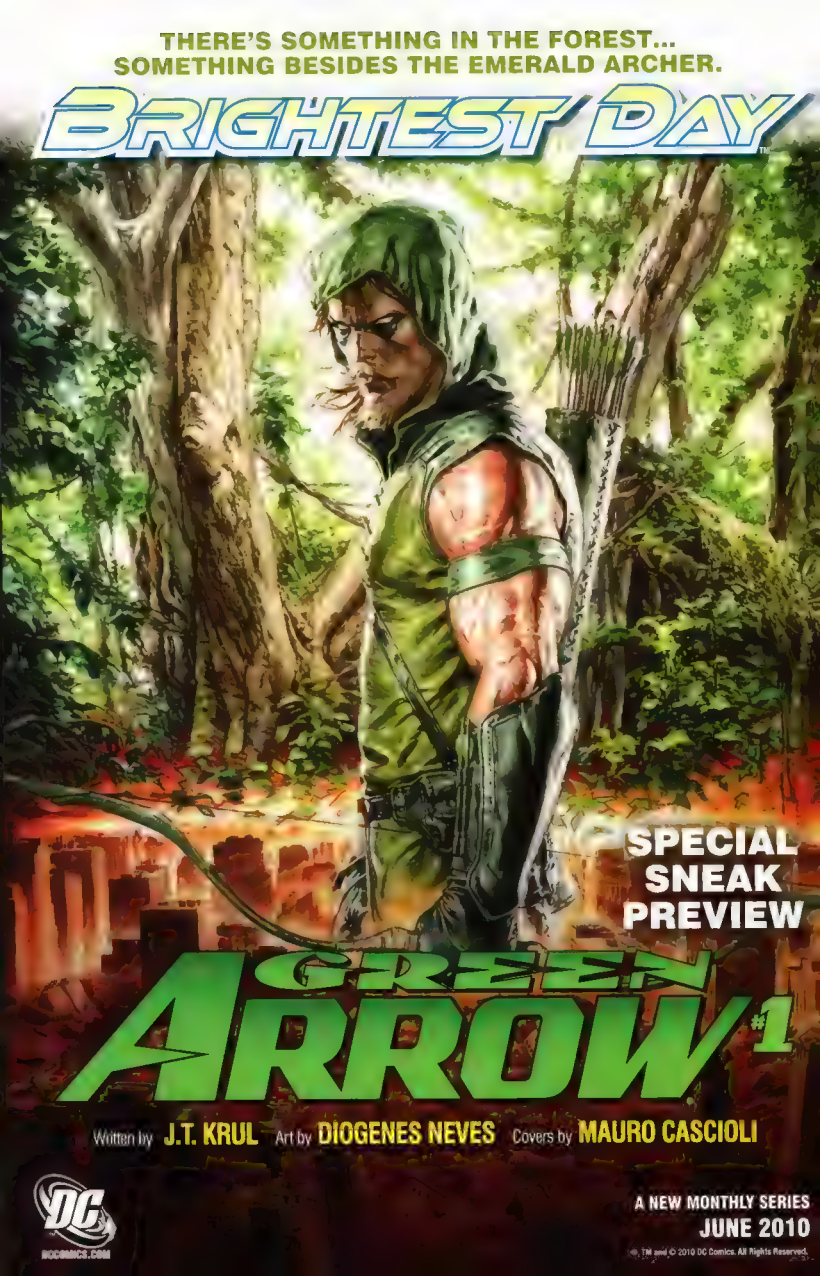

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SHE'S QUICK.
TYPICAL GIRL. ALWAYS MAKING US WORK FOR IT.

THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS.
WHAT ARE YA, SCARED OF THE DARK?
SCREW YOU. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DIED IN THE CITY'S COLLAPSE AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE'S A FULL-GROWN FOREST? THAT AIN'T NORMAL.
SOUNDS LIKE WE GOT TWO GIRLS IN THE PARK.
GOTCHA!
GET OFF ME! LET ME GO!
HOPE YOU DIDN'T USE UP ALL YOUR ENERGY, LADY...
...CUZ YOU GOT WORK TO DO.
AHHHH!
WHAT--WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
UNNN!
IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS.
ARRGH!
BECAUSE EVERYONE AROUND HERE KNOWS--

THIS IS MY FOREST.
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